

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 3146 - SB 3478

March 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the "Covenant Marriage Act of 2006" which includes the creation of covenant marriage, the designation of a marriage as a covenant marriage, and the grounds for the termination of a covenant marriage.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 12, 2006, we issued a fiscal note which indicated that there would be an *increase to state expenditures of \$10,000 recurring and \$500 one-time, an increase in state revenues of \$1,050 and a not significant increase in local govt. expenditures.* Based on additional information provided by the Department of Health, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

(Corrected)

**Increase State Expenditures – \$10,000 Recurring
\$27,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - \$1,050

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

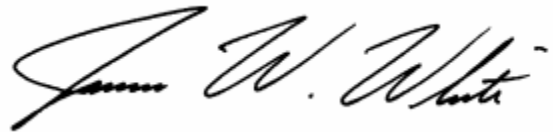
Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will incur a one-time expense of \$500 to change the marriage certificate form.
- The Office of Vital Records would need to convert the Automated Index Retrieval System (AIRS) and the Tennessee Vital Record System (TVRS) to file, record, and maintain out of state marriages. Such will result in a one-time increase to state expenditures of \$26,500.
- The Secretary of State will have an increase in state expenditures totaling \$10,000 for the publication, postage and mailing of brochures explaining covenant marriage to all ministers, rabbi and counselors in the state.

- The Department of Health estimates that 70 of the conversions will be for marriages that occurred one year after the date of marriage and will be charged a \$15 record amendment fee which will result in increased state revenues of \$1,050.
- Local government will not have a significant increase in expenditures for additional transactions involving marriage licenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director